



Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

6:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Conference Room
14455 W. Van Buren St., Ste. C103
Goodyear, AZ 85338

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Silvester called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Landefeld

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid, Ballpark General Manager Bruce Kessman, and Management Assistant Diana Vasquez.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#) [62-2015](#) Approve draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on July 8, 2015.

MOTION BY Commissioner Peters, SECONDED BY Commissioner Murphy, to APPROVE the draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on July 8, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Landefeld

4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Loma Linda Master Plan Review (Nathan Torres)

Parks and Recreation Manager, David Seid, updated the Commission on the Loma Linda Master Plan.

Loma Linda Park, one of Goodyear's original parks, has a Master Plan that was developed in partnership with St. John Vianney Church who neighbors the park to the east. Goodyear City Council approved the Master Plan in 2010. Since then, Goodyear has maintained assets in the park as well as built a new playground and replastered the community pool. The next scheduled renovation will be completed in 2016 and includes resurfacing the sport courts.

In April 2015, St. John Vianney approached Goodyear and announced that they had acquired funding to build a gymnasium on their property and that they would like use of the open space of the park during school hours for the displaced open space their new gymnasium would require. St. John Vianney is currently going through the plan review process with Goodyear Development Services. In light of this development, it is a good time to review the 2010 Loma Linda Master Plan to ensure the needs of the community haven't changed. This will also allow staff the opportunity to ensure the Loma Linda Master Plan is in line with the recently adopted Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. In order to determine if the existing plan meets the resident's needs, staff would like to solicit regular park users and nearby residents during a neighborhood event to be held at Loma Linda Park on October 17, 2015 from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. During the event, staff intends to interact with the residents through activities and lunch to determine the current needs and wants of the community.

Prior to the neighborhood event, volunteers would survey the residents and complete a pre-defined questionnaire. The goal of the survey and the neighborhood event is to reach as many residents as possible, providing them the opportunity to share their needs in the park. This will allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the neighborhoods wants and needs. Staff will share the questions with the Commission at a future meeting and solicit feedback, prior to the event. Manager Seid encouraged the commissioners to walk the park and interact with users. He also encouraged them to introduce themselves and help with data collection.

Commissioner Richardson mentioned there is a Fall Festival in October and requested that staff work with St. John Vianney to ensure there is no overlap in planning activities. Commissioner Padilla asked if there would be bi-lingual support. Manager Seid mentioned the possibility of having the surveys two-sided, one side in English and one side in Spanish. Commissioner Harris inquired as to whether Goodyear was trying to increase traffic to the park. Manager Seid explained that the idea is to survey the neighborhood surrounding the park and the regular users, not to generate new or additional users.

Manager Seid also mentioned the installation of a fence around the turf area that the 2010 plan identified. Seid also stated it is important to ensure the fence is still a community need.

Commissioner Richardson responded that a fence surrounding the park would be important,

especially if the children from the school are going to use it. Manager Seid expressed that by allowing the children to use the field during the day, Goodyear could possibly use the gymnasium after hours. This would allow for additional programming with the use of an additional indoor facility. Manager Seid also noted that the original plan called for mature shade trees to be removed. The survey would ensure the residents still want these trees removed to allow for additional parking which is slated for that area.

Commissioner Murphy asked what happens if changes to the 2010 plan are requested. Manager Seid replied that if changes are suggested, staff would put a recommendation together with Commission input and forward that recommendation to City Council for approval. It is important to understand that community needs and demographics change constantly and since it has been a considerable amount of time since the original plan was approved, it is important to ensure the future of the park meets the needs of the community today. Commissioner Padilla inquired as to if staff went through the same process for the first plan. Manager Seid pointed out the text in the 2010 plan that indicated several community meetings were held utilizing brainstorming, an issues board, and design meetings, and that City Council was involved in the final adoption of the plan.

MOTION BY Commissioner Murphy, SECONDED BY Chairman Silvester, to APPROVE the data collection and community event plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Landefeld

6.2 Loma Linda Neighborhood Event (Nathan Torres)

This item was discussed above.

6.3 Veterans Day Event Update (David Seid)

Manager Seid updated the Commission on the Veterans Day Event. He explained that due to further clarification needed from City Council on their role of the art selection process, there will not be a public art dedication during the Veterans Event and instead, will be conducting a ground breaking ceremony for the future public art. The podium portion of the event is still proceeding as presented to the Commission during the last meeting.

Manager Seid confirmed that Tim Newbill, Goodyear's Emergency Manager and a veteran, will be the emcee for the event and that retired Admiral Vern Clark has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. Staff is still working on a fly over from Luke Air Force Base and is proceeding with the Flag Garden. The stage will be located under a canopy and 250 chairs will be placed under the canopy with an additional 250 chairs surrounding the canopy.

Chairman Silvester inquired as to how the Commission can help. Manager Seid asked them all to attend the event and to wear their Parks and Recreation Commission polo shirts. He

encouraged them to mingle with the residents and introduce themselves. It is important that the residents feel connected to the City through the Commission. Manager Seid asked the commissioners to check their calendars and to confirm their availability. He also reiterated that Goodyear encourages the commissioners to be advocates for the community. Commissioner Harris, Chairman Silvester, and Alternate Wilson advised they were available to attend.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Manager Seid advised the Commission that staff would like to have another Commission meeting next month to review the questions for the Loma Linda neighborhood event. The questions will be sent to the Commission in advance so they are prepared with feedback during the meeting. This also allows the commissioners who can't be present to provide feedback in advance. Dates will be sent to the commissioners to check their availability.

Manager Seid introduced Michael Beadle as the new Recreation Superintendent. Michael came from ASU West where he most recently designed, built, and operated a 68,000 square foot student recreation center. He is very knowledgeable and proficient in operations, designs, and analytics.

Superintendent Beadle provided an update for the Recreation Division. Summer programming has concluded and it was a record setting year. This year, summer recreation was expanded to three sites while aquatics had record setting numbers for pool users and swim lesson participants. Youth sports is now in full swing with girls volleyball and fall baseball. They are currently holding coach's meetings, organizing teams, and preparing the fields to start games in September. He also encouraged the commissioners to attend Goodyear Community Park on September 13, 2015 for a free pancake breakfast. The fall concert series will kick off in October.

Ballpark General Manager Bruce Kessman provided an update for the Ballpark Division. August has been a month of maintenance. The Arizona Rookie League has been playing on major side while the minor side has been shut down for field renovations. Over the summer, the Ballpark hosted 20 tournaments with 1500-1600 games played each. In October, the Relay for Life and Foam Glow will be held, followed by the Fall Festival on October 24, 2015. Staff is currently looking for judges for the costume contest. The event runs from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the judging will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Art is Alive is also coming in October and Home Plate for the Holidays will be held on December 5, 2015. Staff is already in the early planning stages for Spring Training. The Ballpark recently lost the Ticket Operations Manager to the Miami Dolphins. Staff will be recruiting for the vacancy soon. Spring Training tickets will go on sale in early December with March 1, 2016 being the first game. The full schedule will be out in November.

Manager Seid provided an update for the Parks Division. Parks Operations recently underwent an efficiency review which was a comprehensive analysis of operations and staging. The process involved over a dozen LEAN trained staff from across the organization which observed, met, and timed staff performing their tasks. The group brainstormed ways to make the operation more efficient. Staff was initially challenged for yard space, however, by moving

storage equipment and rearranging the yard, staff can now fully turn their vehicles around in the yard and have their equipment ready for departure for the next shift. Prior to the efficiency review, it took staff 30 minutes to prep each morning in order to leave the yard. Now they are out in seven seven minutes. Staff has also been very busy with storm damage. It takes several staff across many departments to help with storm cleanup.

Commissioner Harris acknowledged the effectiveness of Public Stuff and mentioned that when she reported graffiti, it was removed the following day.

Commissioner Murphy acknowledged the Pump Track and expressed that West Valley Trail Alliance is trying to get classified as a non-profit organization to begin collecting donations for the pump track.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Silvester adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director

Jennifer Silvester, Chairman

Date: _____